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**From:** Myrna Mincey  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 16, 2003 12:13 AM  
**Subject:** Media Conglomerates

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

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**From:** Twomoons  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein, fcc.govmpowell@fcc.gov  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 16, 2003 12:48 AM  
**Subject:** No to Deregulation

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Dorothy McIver  
Greenfield, MA 01301

**From:** Kat Moore  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 16, 2003 1:16 AM  
**Subject:** Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

Kat Moore  
882 Virginia Dr.  
Sarasota, FL 34234

April 16, 2003

Federal Communications Commission Chair Michael K. Powell  
445 12th St SW  
Rm 8-A204  
Washington, DC 20554

Chair Powell:

The Federal Communications Commission is responsible for ensuring that the media serve the public interest. I am concerned that the FCC is acting on behalf of big business rather than the people.

It is clear that the FCC has stepped up its efforts to de-regulate the media and telecommunications industries. You must act now to halt further media consolidation and to preserve the openness and diversity of the Internet.

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society. Ownership consolidation is squeezing out what little diversity remains in the marketplace.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review any further regulations. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Moore

**From:** Demelza  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 16, 2003 1:44 AM  
**Subject:** a Very Important Issue

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Sweet Home, OR 97386

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Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

The following is a copy of a letter I have sent to the six mainstream media outlets. I would like you to read it:

" I assure you that an unexpected outcome of biased reporting and dis-information is that people are looking to information sources which are honestly objective and have earned the Trust of viewers and listeners. The main stream 'party-line' media has low credibility for those of us who engage in even a minimum of Critical Thinking.

Coverage of the aggression on Iraq has been totally unacceptable. I suspect that in all honesty, you know why this is true.

How about doing some Authentic coverage of war profiteering? I think those of us who pay attention know darn well which of the corporations and individuals are implicated here, the very same ones who supported this 'war' and contributed large sums to the present administration. How about some ongoing reporting on the devastating impact of huge federal budget cuts in education, healthcare, veterans benefits, childcare, poverty relief and transportation as money shifts to these companies. How about reporting some Authentic Cause\_Effect relationships in your coverage of Events?

The airwaves legally and ethically belong to the people in America. For a democracy to work, its citizens must be well-informed. Unbalanced coverage by your media deprives Americans of the information they need to make wise choices. It also has the unfortunate effect of diminishing your credibility. We are inspired to seek elsewhere than mainstream propaganda for information

"One of the intentions of corporate-controlled media is to instill in people a sense of disempowerment, of immobilization and paralysis. Its

*outcome is to turn you into good consumers. It is to keep people isolated,*

to feel that there is no possibility for social change." -- David

Barsamian, journalist and publisher

.....It is precisely because 'We' are aware of this attempt that it is no longer Working. Permit me to suggest that there may be more effective ways to address your bottom line. Truth, honesty and objectivity would be a functional point of departure." (end letter)

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Sincerely, Demelza Costa

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**Date:** Wed, Apr 16, 2003 2:10 AM  
**Subject:** I want a halt to media conglomeration and breakup of the media giants

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Maureen Horowitz  
4125 East Douglas  
Wichita, KS 67218

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**To:** Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps,  
kabernat%fcc.govmpowell@fcc.gov  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 16, 2003 8:59 AM  
**Subject:** media diversity

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Janet Goldwater, Philadelphia, PA

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**From:** MortensenM@hotmail.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 16, 2003 9:16 AM  
**Subject:** For CSPAN! Against a 'Must Carry' Rule!

I am a U.S. citizen and viewer of both Adelphia Cable and DISH Satellite TV.

I am against a 'must carry' rule if it means losing any existing CSPAN programming or any existing Public TV channels. I also am wanting to begin receiving CSPAN3 in my area. I currently do not have access to CSPAN3 but am very interested in receiving it.

I am also interested in Technology advancement and excited about Digital TV and HDTV that is on the way. I still do not wish, however, to lose any public programming from networks like CSPAN or should I say from Programs like CSPAN as it gives me true Democracy. True access to listen with my own ears to Congress and other important news - WITHOUT THE FILTERS of Journalistic opinions and Political leanings.

I appreciate greatly receiving this fabulous and very important programming to help educate myself on current events.

PLEASE PLEASE do not take actions that would jeopardize this critical programming.

Thank you for adding my concerns to millions of other viewers. I'm sure I represent a large group with similar views.

Marti Mortensen, Hayden Idaho (near Spokane Washington - 6 hrs from Seattle)  
208-772-4856  
MortensenM@hotmail.com

P.S. I am a small business person too - who pays for Adelphia Cable TV at home and business locations, as well as DISH SATELLITE TV at several locations in various Counties in North Idaho where I live and work.

**From:** Barbara Rossi  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 16, 2003 9:24 AM  
**Subject:** Democracy

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Thank you, Barbara A. Rossi, Cleveland, OH

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**From:** LouSeal@aol.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps,  
kabernat@fcc.gov, mpowell@fcc.gov  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 16, 2003, 10:34 AM  
**Subject:** no further deregulation of broadcasting ownership

Dear Sirs,

I am aware of the vote scheduled for June 2 on further deregulation of broadcasting ownership. It is important to have variety in our media sources. Deregulation could, and most likely will, end up with our media sources being controlled by a single corporate entity. Diversity is good, and necessary to an informed and intelligent, and hence creative, populace. We need diversity in our media sources if we are to have a world worth living in. What kind of world do you want for your children? Corporate puppets or free thinking individuals? It seems the choice is yours, as the general public is mostly unaware of this deregulation process. Indicator that we have too few media sources already.

Thank you,  
Lucy Bukrey  
Village Wise Woman



**From:** Jonathan von Ranson  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** *Wed, Apr 16, 2003 11:18 AM*  
**Subject:** June 2 deadline and further deregulation of broadcast

Dear Commissioner,

I don't feel the FCC has done nearly enough to call attention to the issues involved in the further deregulation of broadcast outlet ownership.

If it has, the news hasn't reached the general public or even the opinion makers sufficiently. Maybe you've tried, and the (increasingly centrally-owned) media have chosen to play down the story. If true, that would suggest that deregulation has already gone too far.

In any case, there has been little debate about the pros and cons of this proposal, and I call on you to postpone for a full year a vote on the issue. Meanwhile, I ask you to put a great deal more effort into widespread, travelling hearings on the issue.

Yours truly,

Jonathan von Ranson  
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